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SUBJECT: WEEKLY DIARY

TO: LBG

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Satellite Systems

1. Communication & Control Work Statement: (UNCL)

All work statements covering the C & C effort by both LMSD and Philco are being reviewed by this office prior to negotiations. The logistic effort, as presently outlined, requires a separate supply function at some of the sites. It has been decided that a single contractor should be responsible for the supply function and logistics control of reparables at all sites. Also, this contractor should have the housekeeping support responsibilities he would be responsible for providing all support not available through AFR 11-4 agreements. Both LMSD and Philco have been asked to analyze this effort and submit a cost estimate as soon as possible. This cost estimate and all other factors bearing on the situation will be considered before a decision is made as to what contractor will be given the responsibility.

2. FY-60 Program Approvals: ~~(SECRET)~~

The OSD has approved the R&D Essential Programs, as reflected in the development plans and as presented by AFBMD for the following programs in the fund amounts as indicated for FY 60:

DISCOVERER	[redacted]
SAMOS	$160.0 million
MIDAS	$ 51.0 million

Approval of the R&D Essential Program specifically precludes the utilization of FY 60 funds for Operational/Development Programs which have not been approved. In addition, release of FY 60 funds does not constitute approval of the FY 61 program for SAMOS.

3. GFP Support of S/S I, Early Fix Project: ~~(SECRET)~~

At the request of AFBMD and RADC, this office scheduled a meeting for the purpose of determining how GFP would be furnished TRW for the EARLY FIX Project. RADC personnel were advised that SMAMA (LSM) would respond to all requests for GFP in accordance with the procedures SMAMA furnished TRW in January 1960. A meeting has been scheduled at

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SMAMA for the purpose of reviewing subject procedures with both RADC and TRW personnel and to insure that appropriate action is being taken to provide TRW with the GFP urgently required to meet an April 1960 due date.

4. Dispute Between Lockheed and the Government: (UNCL)

Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Missiles & Space Division, sold their properties at Sunnyvale and Palo Alto to the Prudential Life Insurance Company and leased these properties back. This transaction took place in 1957. The Administrative Contracting Officer disallowed the lease costs on the grounds that they were not reasonable. The contractor submitted an appeal under the Disputes Clause, and the hearing on this appeal was held before the Armed Services Contract Appeals during the week of 4 March. Attendance at this hearing included representatives from BMC and the AFPR. The Navy and Arm y were also represented since this action affects 19 contracts, including those of the other Departments of DOD.

5. Follow-On Procurement of Nylon Rope for Use in the Satellite Recovery Program: (UNCL)

Mobile AMA is presently in the process of procuring a second requirement of nylon rope in support of the 6594th Recovery Test Squadron stationed at Hickam AFB. This type of AMA procurement is solicited in support of R&D Satellite Systems hardware requirements whenever feasible. Program funds are obligated directly to AMAs who, in turn, perform procurement and production functions directly with suppliers.

6. Launch of MIDAS Flight Test Vehicle 1007: ~~(SECRET)~~

A thorough analysis of the data associated with the launch of the first MIDAS Agena (FTV 1008) is currently underway. As a result of this investigation, slippage in the launch of the second MIDAS Agena (FTV 1007) is evident. The present schedule calls for the launch of this Agena from Cape Canaveral, 31 March; however, there is every indication that the launch will not be accomplished prior to 5 April.

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